

# THE BRISTOL COURIER

## SOCIALISM ON THE ROCKS

Socialism is headed for a tug-of-war in the U. S. A. Call it what you will—the new order, the welfare state, liberalism, etc.—socialism seems to have passed its easy objectives, and to have nothing but tough times ahead.

The essence of Socialism consists of taking property away from the numerically small group of those who have much of it, and doling it out to the large blocs of voters who have less of it.

The man who named socialism "redistribution of wealth" was quite correct. Except, of course, it should be "redistribution of other people's wealth."

Socialism has gone like a house afire in all nations where there has been a big group of impoverished persons—the "proletariat," as the Communists call them, meaning those who do not own property, and merely have the income of a job for their support. Practically all of Europe fell into that category, and so did much of the rest of the world.

The only time that socialism got more than a toe-hold in this country was when the Depression made the American people poverty-conscious. For a period of years, a complex was in evidence throughout this country by which those who had had the daylights scared out of them by the Depression took it as a personal insult and injury that here and there thrifty and far-sighted citizens had prepared themselves in advance for the hard times which the Depression brought.

There was an era of social tension, and a feeling that wealth was over-concentrated—two public reactions which make a sort of welcome mat for socialism. The New Deal, which was nothing more nor less than watered down socialism, came in and was accepted and made part of our political structure.

But this movement ran its course. Looking back, we can see President Roosevelt was a great deal smarter in perceiving that fact than President Truman has been. President Roosevelt, if you remember, when running for his fourth term in 1944, officially decided to discard (as h put it) "Dr. New Deal" and turn instead to "Dr. Win the War."

But President Truman has been trying, without success, to go right ahead with the New Deal ever since he has been in office. His first great pro-Socialist speech was his post-war address to Congress in September of 1945, and he has echoed it over and again without letup ever since.

There is more to this ebbing of the tides that run towards socialism than that hackneyed expression, "every action has its reaction." The fact is our history in this respect has been different from that of other nations—one after another of these other countries reached the same point in the drift towards socialism which we occupied back in 1945; but instead of turning around as we did, they pushed steadily ahead the rest of the way into socialism and dictatorship.

What caused us to pull back then, and has held us back since? You won't find the answer in politics. Neither of the major parties, and none of the splinter parties, has actually dominated governmental policy in the past five years. Nor has there been any great leader such as sometimes arises. If nothing else proves these matters, the steady decline in voting totals should be enough by itself to do so.

Is the cause to be found in the field of economics? There is good reason to think so.

Maldistribution of wealth is to be named as either the main cause or the principal excuse for socialism. The Depression produced a maldistribution of wealth in this country—or convinced millions of citizens that wealth was unfairly distributed, which amounts to the same thing.

But much has happened since those days. The distribution of wealth in this nation today is far different from what it has ever been in this country or any other.

Take the single matter of housing, to show how this shifting has been brought about not by design but by quite

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## Methodist S. S. Class Have Jolly Christmas Party

A jolly Christmas party was staged on Wednesday evening when members of the Sunday School class, Bristol Methodist Church, taught by Mrs. Mary Mohre, held their annual party in the church social room.

The church choir served a delicious turkey dinner. The tables were decorated with red candles and Christmas greens. Favors were Christmas corsages. Group singing of carols was enjoyed. With the singing of "Jingle Bells," "Santa" and "Mrs. Santa" arrived. "Santa" was impersonated by Mrs. Edwin Ballinger, and "Mrs. Santa," Mrs. Joseph Korz. Santa and Mrs. Santa conducted a quiz program during which gifts were exchanged. "Pals" names were revealed, and new names drawn.

Mrs. Mohre received a gift from the class and she in turn gave gifts to the following class members: Mrs. Ballinger, Mrs. Korz, Mrs. J. S. Lynn, Mrs. Clement Smoyer, Mrs. Samuel Rogers, Mrs. Samuel Smith, Mrs. Paul Simpson, Mrs. Melvin Houser, Mrs. Harold Hunter, Mrs. Russell Booz, Mrs. Arthur Peterson, Mrs. Joseph Mancuso, Mrs. Harold Koch, Miss Dorothy Case and Miss Alice Smith.

## HERE AND THERE IN BUCKS COUNTY TOWNS

### Activities of Interest To All In The Various Communities

### GLEANED BY SCRIBES

#### NEWPORTVILLE

Mrs. William Potts, Sr., Newportville Heights, is a patient in the Riverview Osteopathic hospital, Norristown, where she underwent an operation on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Munchback are rejoicing over the birth of a daughter on Tuesday in the Abington hospital. The baby weighed 7 lbs., 6 1/2 oz., and has been named Virginia Ruth. Mrs. Munchback will be remembered as the former Miss Virginia Knott.

The Friendship Club held a Christmas party on Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Harry Backhouse, Sr. A dessert lunch was enjoyed, the room being prettily decorated in keeping with the Christmas season. Cards were played and prizes awarded to Mrs. Allison Tibbets and Mrs. Herbert Oldham. Gifts were exchanged.

#### HULMEVILLE

Miss Elma E. Haefner is a patient in Jeannes Hospital, Fox Chase. She is improving very nicely according to reports from the hospital.

Mrs. Stanley Buckman is suffering from an attack of influenza.

Members of the senior choir of Neshaminy Methodist Church and several invited guests enjoyed a Christmas dinner at Lambertville, N. J., on Thursday, Dec. 7th. Those present were: Mrs. Ethel Faust, Mrs. Edward Stiess, Mrs. Katherine Webster, Mrs. Louis Dunlap, Mrs. Charles Haefner, Mrs. Charles Smith, Mrs. Katherine Neitzel, Mrs. Mildred Riley, Mrs. A. P. Japchen, Misses Grace Illick, Adeline Reetz and Erda Schatt, Mr. and Mrs. George Fetters, Mr. and Mrs. William Gotthardt, Mr. and Mrs. G. Kimbel Faust, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dasenberg, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Holzworth and Donald Haefner.

## WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

The dismissal of Secretary of State Acheson was recommended by the special three-man United Nations committee named to attempt to arrange a cease-fire in Korea heard American proposals for ending the conflict. The General Assembly ended its 1950 session.

### Man Being Held On Drunken Driving Charge

Joseph Elliot, of 659 Court "C," Bristol Terrace II, is being held by Bristol police for alleged drunken driving. Officers Chance and Chilchetti took Elliot into custody last evening.

Elliot was operating a car in such a manner that he blocked traffic to and from the parking lot at Mill and Pond streets.

Elliot was taken to a local physician and, according to police, was said to be under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

### PLAN CARD PARTY

There will be a card party held Monday evening at eight in the Bracken Post home, Radcliffe street, given by the auxiliary. The following prizes will be given: rug, basket of potatoes, set of dishes, one room of wallpaper, wall mirror, and a garbage can.

## Morrisville to Have A Visit from Santa

MORRISVILLE, Dec. 16—Santa comes to Morrisville Monday evening. The parade will leave the Community House at 6:30 p. m. The high school band will supply the music. Santa will have the Fire Companies as escort, along the entire route which will be from the Community House to Green street to Washington street, ending up at the community tree, Bridge & Washington streets, where he will distribute his candy toys.

Each evening at the tree, there will be Christmas carols sung by the leading choirs, followed by community carol singing to be led by the choir leaders. The Tuesday radio broadcast will be conducted by "Nan" Rednor on her "Nan about town" program. The Saturday evening program will be given by the Malmusky Sisters, well known for their radio and television performances.

The program is arranged and sponsored by the "Morrisville Businessmen's Association" and will be broadcast each evening between 7:30 and 8 p. m.

### TIDES AT BRISTOL

High tide 8:51 a. m., 9:14 p. m. Low tide 3:13 a. m., 3:35 p. m. Sun rises 7:16 a. m., sets 4:37 p. m. Moon rises 12:19 p. m.

## PRESIDENT TRUMAN PROCLAIMS NATIONAL EMERGENCY; CREATES OFFICE OF DEFENSE MOBILIZATION TO PUT NATION ON A VIRTUAL WAR BASIS TO MEET CRISIS

### Young Adult Class Holds Christmas Party

NEWPORTVILLE, Dec. 16—The Young Adult Sunday School class of the Newportville Community Church—Presbyterian, taught by Mrs. Fred Wimmersberger, Sr., held a Christmas party at the home of a member, Mrs. Richard Whitson on Tuesday evening. A short business meeting preceded the festivities. Gifts were exchanged, and refreshments served.

Those present: Mrs. Donald Walsh, Mrs. John McDonald, Mrs. Albert Peters, Mrs. Arnold Marsh, Mrs. Raymond Berger, Mrs. Charles Shagg, Mrs. William Andrews, Mrs. Paul Kramer, Mrs. Lester Bubzy, Mrs. Walter Bowker, Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, Mrs. Jesse Williams, Mrs. Fred Wimmersberger.

### CHURCHES TO MARK CHRISTMAS SEASON

### Programs Appropriate to The Season Will Be Given

### OTHER SERVICES

Churches in Bristol tomorrow will in a number of instances mark the Christmas season with programs appropriate to the occasion.

#### ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH

Jefferson Avenue and Wood street, Rev. Paul H. Gleickman, pastor; Sunday: Sunday School at 9:45 a. m., followed by morning worship at 11; junior choir, under the direction of Mrs. Paul Gleickman, Miss Lois Bolton, accompanist, will render Malotte's "The Lord's Prayer," sermon by the pastor will be based on the subject, "The spirit of forgiveness."

Sunday School Christmas party, Monday evening at seven, in the parish house; women's missionary society, Tuesday, 7:30, Mrs. Paul Gleickman, leader; junior choir, Wednesday at 4; senior choir, Thursday at 7; cub den one, Thursday at 7; cub den two, Friday, at seven.

The Christmas program by the children of the nursery, beginners' and primary departments of the Zion Lutheran Sunday School will be presented at 7 on Sunday evening in the church auditorium. Miss Katharine Beck, general superintendent, will conduct the program; the opening and closing service will be conducted by the pastor. Members of the congregation and the main school will join in the singing of special Christmas music. The program of the nursery and beginners' department, Mrs. Alfred Schecket, superintendent, is as follows: An introduction, Betsy Ritter; "All the year," Hope Stockett; song, "Away in a Manger," Clifford States, Christine Grow, Gordon Austin; "Thankfulness," John Gamble; "Sharing," Alfred Litz, Sylvia Race; "Our Prayer," "Billy" Schultz; "God Bless You," Evelyn and Irene Sacks; "Love in the Air," Christine Grow; song, "As each happy Christmas," Mrs. Fred McKinney's class; "All Children," Buddy Bond; "A Christmas Candle," Louise and Louis Garrison; "He Loves Me," William Donin; "What Christmas Tells Us," Bonnie Claus; "The Greatest Gift," Larry Wood; singing and solo, "Silent Night," Elaine Moyer; "Why He Came," Gordon Austin; "The First Christmas," Nancy Glass and Paul Beerbower; "Not Too Young," Clifford States; "A Christmas Wish," Walter McLaughlin; "Make Jesus Happy," Dorothy Schultz; "Christmas," Harold Long; "His Manger," Louise Almandinger; "Sunshine in the Heart," William Mucklow; "Merry Christmas All," Geraldine Sabatini; "My Christmas Prayer," Judy Taylor; "It's True," Miriam Grein; "My Girl," Blanche Guenther; song, "Happy Christmas," the department; "Thank You," "Marge," Ann Palmer; "Singing Helpers," Jeffrey Palmer, Loretta Litz, Edward McKinney, Edna Solt, Jo Ann Long, Linda Goslin, Lauren Hahn, Steven Gebhart, Norris Mucklow, Donald Mathis, Kenneth Swinehart, Terry Van Sciver, Paul Stuhrlager, Victor Truelove, Kirby Swinehart.

The program of the primary department, Mrs. Frank S. Weik, superintendent, is as follows: Song, "Welcome, Little Stranger," the department; "A Welcome," Judy Vigel, Darlene Brezzo, Helen Sacks, Penny Mercer; "Just One," Marianne Almandinger and Martha Truelove; boys' quartet, "O Little Town of Bethlehem," Robert Bolton, John Beerbower, Richard Daniels, "Jack" Austin; "Make Room for Christmas," Carey Palmer and James Naylor; "Worship," Elina Scheffey, Josie McKinney, Gail

### By International News Service

#### WASHINGTON, Dec. 16—

President Truman today proclaimed a national emergency and created the Office of Defense Mobilization to place the nation on a virtual war basis to meet the "great" danger of a general Soviet attack.

Mr. Truman signed the national emergency proclamation at 10:20 A. M. EST.

This action was followed within minutes by an executive order creating the super agency to supervise the nation's mobilization program. The ODM will be headed by Charles E. Wilson, President of General Electric.

Highlights of Speech By The President

#### WASHINGTON, Dec. 16—

(INS) — Here are the highlights of President Truman's speech to the Union in which he explained "the grave danger" facing us and what will be done about it:

Mr. Truman said he will issue a proclamation of national emergency this morning. Thereafter he will:

1. Set up an overall Office of Defense Mobilization under General Electric President Charles E. Wilson to have charge of manpower, economic stabilization, procurement and transportation.

2. Start the build-up of the armed forces to 3,500,000 men, multiplying present plane production five times and tank and artillery production four times.

3. Impose immediate price controls on many materials and products essential to defense or affecting the cost of living.

4. Take steps to stabilize wages and set up "fair standards" for prices and wages in those cases where mandatory ceilings are not imposed immediately. Mr. Truman said violations will hasten compulsory controls, including wage-price rollbacks where needed.

5. Create an arsenal "for the defense of freedom" to arm other free nations.

6. Order two additional National Guard Divisions to active duty in January to help in the procurement of manpower.

7. Ask Congress to approve heavy new taxes to put the increased cost of defense as nearly as possible on a pay-as-you-go basis.

#### Bi-County Council Meets at Doylestown

The American Legion Auxiliary Bi-County Council meeting was held at Doylestown Legion Post home, Thursday, with Mrs. Alma Tracy, president, in charge.

A luncheon preceded the meeting. Gifts were exchanged.

Mr. John, Commander of the Ninth District, was the speaker, who spoke of the party to be given at Valley Forge hospital for all of the patients, and also on Civilian Defense during this emergency. He said Pennsylvania leads in planning Civilian Defense.

The Doylestown high school chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Richardson, rendered two selections. The group sang carols with Mrs. Bonnell at the piano.

Mrs. Angus Mayer, membership chairman, of Scranton, related the stories, "The Legend of the Christmas Tree," and "History of the Auxiliary and Its Growth from a Few Hundred Members to Many Thousands."

Mrs. Cardamone, Valley Forge hospital chairman, displayed some articles made by the Bristol Junior Auxiliary. Wallets were presented to the patients.

Members here attending were: Mrs. Robert Rue, Mrs. Alton Dettmer, Mrs. Wilbert Stoeckle and Mrs. E. Robinson.

The next meeting will be in Ambler Methodist Church. For reservations call Mrs. Dickenson, Ambler 0-9678.

A cord of seasoned wood will give as much heat as a ton of coal and leave about one-quarter the amount of ashes.

## Mrs. James H. Brooks Dies; Long A Resident Here

One who for many years had been a resident of Bristol, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Brooks, widow of James H. Brooks, died in the Mount Nursing Home here shortly before noon yesterday. Mrs. Brooks had been ill upon occasion over a period of months, but had been confined to bed for the past two weeks. She was moved to the nursing home last Sunday.

The deceased was a native of Philadelphia and was in her 79th year. She had lived most of her lifetime in Bristol. She was the daughter of the late John D. and Susan G. Detlefson. She was a member of the Bristol Presbyterian church and at one time served as president of the Mothers' Association of the Bristol public schools.

The survivors are her son, Robert D. Brooks, with whom she made her home; and a brother Serrill D. Detlefson.

Services will be held Monday afternoon at two o'clock at the funeral home of John C. Black, 314 Cedar street. The Rev. Edward G. Yeomans, pastor of the Presbyterian church will officiate. Burial will be in the Bristol cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home tomorrow evening.

## AWARDS GIVEN TO EXHIBITORS

### TREVOSSE

#### Horticulture Society

#### Recognize Winners of Year

#### NAME

#### THE OFFICERS

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**AIDING ENEMIES**

Publicity being given to manipulations in Washington and abroad which resulted in the sending of \$1,000,000,000 worth of strategic war materials to Russia and Communist China this year comes too late to be of any benefit.

The government has finally taken note of this flow of vital materials to the nation's enemies and has ordered all shipments stopped. Public indignation forced this move.

Much of this material comes from factories rebuilt and retooled by ECA funds—that is, money supplied by American taxpayers.

Several years ago the government stopped the shipment of arms and munitions except on special permit. Presumably these were to go only to such countries as were being rearmed against Russia. Commodities shipped under the Marshall Plan were to go only to such countries which had guaranteed they would not be passed on to communist nations. These promises were not kept, and no attempt was made by Paul Hoffman, ECA administrator, to enforce them.

Western European nations have had long-standing trade agreements with Russia and its satellites, under which great quantities of commodities sent them by America almost immediately were used in trade with Russia.

As for China, British export firms in Hong Kong have been able to buy directly from American firms, and there has been a steady flow of war materials to China. For five years Washington has been feeding Russia, to the detriment of United States security, and the damage done will not be alleviated by this last-minute admission of guilt.

**PURIFYING THE EXHAUST**

The family bus may emit a different odor soon. According to Eugene Houdry, a petroleum scientist and inventor, automobiles need no longer emit dangerous carbon monoxide fumes. After years of study Houdry has perfected a "catalytic exhaust" designed to change poisonous carbon monoxide gas to beneficial carbon dioxide.

No longer will it be necessary to drive around in sub-zero weather with windows down, wary of leaky floor boards. The driver who likes to take off in an aura of smoke will be unable to leave pedestrians wallowing in a choking cloud of gaseous poison.

The catalyst, made mainly of platinum, is for both leaded and unleaded gasolines. Combined with other elements, it is mixed with the exhaust to form harmless odorless vapors.

What's the world coming to? Next they will probably add perfume to gasoline, so an odor pleasing to the nostrils will permeate the atmosphere when a jalopy takes on fuel.

English is said to be the design of language students in other countries because of instances like this: You chop a tree down and then you chop it up.

**Churches to Mark Christmas Season**

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Rago, Mary Catherine Truelove; "Pathway to Peace," Louise Swank; "The Giving Spirit," James Tschudy and Howard Taylor; accordion solo, Ethel Gentsch; "The Shepherds," Ruth Grein; "My Guest," William Herrmann; "Precious Gift," Arlene Bodansky; "Kingdom Weakly," Barbara Saxton, Geraldine Austin; piano solo, Doris Jean Shadel; "For You," Richard Weiland; George Kleiner and "Jack" Austin; "Giving Time," John Tschudy; "Rocky" Culbertson, Howard Laughlin, George Gamble; girls' chorus, Penny Mercer; Ethel Gentsch, "Judy" Veigel; "Judy" James, Darlene Brezzo; Helen Sacks, Geraldine Austin; Louise Swank; "God's Protecting Care," "Judy" James, Karen Wood; Doris Jean Shadel; "The Door," Richard Daniels, John McLaughlin, John Bebeher, Robert Bolton; song, "A Little One, a Holy Child," the department.

A collection of "white gifts" will be placed in the chancel at the time of the children's program.

These gifts, canned goods, cereals and dried fruit, will be sent to the Lutheran Home for the Orphaned and Aged, Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, during the Christmas season.

Sunday: 9:45 a. m., Bible school, Leonard Dyer, general superintendent.

Mrs. Gudladt and Miss Hone will speak briefly; 11 a. m., Worship, **Missionaries of the HOPE**.

Bible Mission will have charge; John Conyers will be soloist; 6:45 p. m., Youth Fellowship groups;

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**St. James Church**

Walnut and Cedar streets. (Third Sunday in Advent): 8 a. m. Holy Communion; The Rector will be happy to administer private Communion to any who are sick or aged; if so requested; 9:30 a. m., Church School and Bible classes; 11 a. m., prayer and sermon, offertory solo, Mrs. Ralph Hart.

Thursday, 7:30 p. m., Church school Christmas entertainment.

**First Baptist Church**

Walnut and Cedar streets, William E. Hakes, minister.

Missionary speakers from the HOPE Bible Mission, which maintains mission work throughout Europe, will be at the church and Bible school in the morning.

Mrs. Goergina Gudladt and Miss Ivy Hone will tell of their experiences in post-war Europe, and will give valuable information concerning their missionary enterprises. They will be speaking briefly at the Bible school hour, and will speak at further length at the morning worship service.

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**Presbyterian Church of our Savior**

Wood street and Lincoln avenue, Morning worship at 10, with services in English and Italian. Sunday School at 11 a. m. Ralston Hedrick in charge; evening worship at 7.

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Monday, Boy Scouts, 7 p. m.; Women's Society of Christian Service will have their Christmas party at the home of Mrs. John Powers.

Fleetwing Estates. A Christmas play will be given entitled, "Where Love Is, God Is." Following the gift exchange, refreshments featuring Christmas cookies of different countries will be served by the hostesses, Mrs. Madson, Mrs. Monti, and Mrs. Carlson.

Tuesday, Girl Scouts, 7:15 p. m.; Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.; Junior Choir rehearsal, 6:45 p. m.

Monday at 7 practice for the Sunday School Christmas festival.

All those who take part in the program are asked to be present; Tuesday at 8 p. m., the women of the church will meet for their service and Christmas party; Wednesday at 7:30, the Sunday School will hold its annual Christmas program.

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## Christmas Program Features Meeting of The Travel Club

A quintette of women rendering several selections proved very enjoyable at the meeting of the Travel Club, here, yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. Elwood P. Goslin presided over the abbreviated business meeting with Mrs. Michael A. Harrity, in charge of the secretary's report.

The affair, which was in the form of a Christmas party opened with Mrs. Russell DeLong, leading the group in singing the carol, "Hark the Herald Angels," following this a surprise vocal quintette consisting of Mrs. Russell DeLong, Mrs. Charles Bowen, Mrs. Thomas L. Doran, Mrs. Harry Neher, and Mrs. John Moyer favored with "Silent Night" and "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," a description of the story of each carol was given by Mrs. James S. Douglass, Mrs. Albert Dowden, Edgely, served as accompanist.

Mrs. Dora Colville's sixth grade class from Tullytown school presented "Scrooge's Christmas."

The cast being announced by Thomas Roberts, a pupil, namely: Humbert Durante, as "Scrooge"; Michael Piroli, "Scrooge's nephew"; Barbara Forestal, the "Christmas Fairy"; Thomas Roberts, "Bob Cratchit"; Sharon Rosser, "Mrs. Cratchit"; Ella Trimble, "Martha"; Joan Forestal, substituting for Lois Robinson who was ill, "Belinda"; Ronald Grady, "Peter"; Loretta paone, "Fanny"; Ralph Book, "Dick"; Wayne Stake, "Tiny Tim."

Three scenes were depicted: First, Scrooge's sitting room on Christmas eve; Second: The Cratchit home on Christmas day; Third: Scrooge's sitting room on Christmas Eve.

"O Holy Night" was sung by Mrs. Thomas L. Doran. The quintette next sang Brahms' "Lullaby" and "Deck the Halls." There was a description of the story of each by Mrs. Douglass. The entire group sang: "O Little Town of Bethlehem," quintette—"The First Noel," entire group—"Adeste Fideles" with a description by Mrs. Douglass.

The program closed by the singing of "Jingle Bells" with "Santa" impersonated by Mrs. Harry Neher, arriving.

Santa presented a gift to Mrs. Colville's class, also each child in the play received a large candy cane.

Refreshments of ice cream, Christmas cookies, coffee, nuts and candy were served the group by the hostesses, Mrs. Thomas Hawkes, Edgely and Mrs. Frank Lehman, here.

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Engagements announcements must be submitted in writing at the Courier office.

Thirty-five members of St. Ann's Ladies Auxiliary enjoyed a Christmas party at a restaurant in Philadelphia on Tuesday evening. The menu consisted of fruit cup, spaghetti and ravioli, turkey, dressing, lima beans, candied sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, coffee, ice cream and cake. The auxiliary presented the president, Mrs. Angelo Nicolls, with an orchid corsage. Each of the officers received a corsage of red roses. Mrs. Joseph Giampietro was in charge of arrangements. A bus was used for transportation.

Mrs. Mary Heaton, Washington street, spent four days last week with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Berry, Fort Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. David Martin and

of the choir members.

Decorations were of holly crepe paper, and a miniature plastic Christmas tree with small balls was placed in the center of the table.

A turkey dinner was served with gifts being exchanged.

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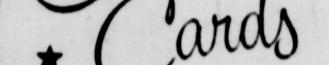
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John 3:16

"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

John 3:16

"As many as received Him, to them gave He the power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name."

John 1:12

"Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

Acts 4:12

"How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation?"

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## BENSELEM WINS OVER SOUDERTON BY SCORE OF 47-42

SOUDERTON, Pa., Dec. 16—Bensalem Township high broke into the win column last night by winning a hard-fought tilt from Souderton High on the latter's court. Final score was 47-42.

The boys of Coach "Johnny" Messenger had to overcome a four-point half-time deficit to capture the verdict. They made a total of 19 double-deckers, three more than their opponents.

Souderton was kept in the game by the brilliant shooting of Ken Mase, a hold-over from last season. Mase made 16 of his team's points and accounted for seven of its field goals.

The Souderton team used a good zone defense for three quarters of the game but this was cracked wide open by the Owls in the final period which enabled them to cash in with the decision.

Alex Martin led the Bensalem team in scoring, cutting the cords for 15 points. His height enabled him to control the boards for the Bensalem team. Bob Whittford produced 12 points while Walt Smith dropped in six of his 11 foul shots.

Bensalem plays at Southampton on Tuesday night and meets Lower Moreland next Friday night.

**Lineups:**

	Gls	Fls	F.T.	Pts
F. Albaser	1	2	2	9
Dodshall	2	2	2	6
Bergy	0	1	2	1
K. Mase	2	2	4	18
A. Martin	1	0	0	1
Whittford	0	0	0	0
Hallman	0	2	4	2
Moyer	0	1	2	1
	16	10	17	42

Half Time Score 19-15 (Souderton)  
Ref: Zeigler & Lewis; Timer: Smoot; Scorer: Giong & Dougherty

## ST. FRANCIS GRID TEAM IS HONORED WITH BANQUET

EDDINGTON, Dec. 16—The varsity and 135-lb. football teams of St. Francis Vocational School were honored at a banquet at which the guest speaker was Francis "Red" Bagnell, star back ace of the University of Pennsylvania, this season. The affair was held in the St. Francis school cafeteria.

The trophy for winning the 135 lb. Lower Bucks County championship was received on behalf of the team by Francis "Ace" McGann with Brother Benilde doing the presentation. Brother Daniel presented Gus DeBello, gridiron officials. Both trophies were donated by Joseph Diamanti, of the Diamond Sporting Goods Store, Bristol.

Bagnell, who captained the Penn team this season and came within seven yards of breaking the Eastern Intercollegiate Record for yardage gained, gave a short talk to the boys and answered questions put forth by the players of the St. Francis team. He posed with several of the boys for pictures and spent the rest of the evening signing autographs.

It was the first championship won by the 135 lb. St. Francis team which won five straight games before losing its final contest of the season. The varsity team played its best games against West Catholic Jayvees, Gloucester Catholic High, and Bordentown Manual Training School.

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## Socialism On The Rocks

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accidental factors. Ever since the War, we have had rent control laws. These have been intended, on the face of it, to provide plenty of rentable houses at low prices. But they have done nothing of the sort. Rented houses are probably in much smaller percentage today than they have been for a century.

The rent laws have compelled thousands upon thousands of citizens who would never have done so ordinarily, to go into the market and buy their own homes. Cheap money, plus veterans assistance programs, have helped them do so.

True, many actually own only a trifling part of the dwelling they live in — probably in many cases, their equity still lags behind the depreciation, so that the ownership is technically a minus quantity. But regardless of that, the family has the deed, and that's what counts.

There is no getting away from it, the man who owns his home has a different point of view from the man who is just a tenant. He automatically becomes more conservative — he starts weighing public questions, not in abstract terms, but on the specific basis of what they will do to the value of his real estate. If you think that this isn't a political factor of vast importance, remember how the demand for zoning and districting laws has mounted in the last few years.

What is true of housing is true also of other forms of investment or savings. It is true of insurance, of bank accounts, of government bonds. It is true of stocks and bonds and similar types of investment securities. Never before in all history have these been more widely held. And never before, likewise, have they produced a more widespread pressure against radicalism and socialism.

There is another type of equity which is different from any of those listed above. In this country it has no legal standing, despite the fact that it carries strong implications of ownership. That equity is a job. Particularly is this state of semi-ownership conspicuous with reference to industrial jobs. Under the present working agreements between labor and management, an employee in good standing has a title to his job which, were it transferable, would cause it to have a huge capital value.

More working people today than ever before hold jobs under approximately those conditions — jobs which are so valuable that they deserve to be, and are, conserved very carefully by millions of the individuals who hold them.

Moreover, these job holders are drawing many times more out of the earnings of industry than do the stockholders of the plants where they work. One would expect a conservative point of view from a shareholder — why is it not equally logical from an employee who has almost a vested interest in his position, and whose share of the earnings actually take precedence over those of the owners?

The forces in our economy which are driving us

steadily away from giveaways and socialism are not obvious until they are sought for — nevertheless they are extremely powerful.

Until the present situation changes, they furnish a good reason for arguing that socialism has spread about as far as it is going to, on the American homefront — and also that resistance to inflation is bound to grow rapidly during coming months.

### Two Sentences

#### Given To Gear

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conscious volition."

The defendant pleaded guilty to assault and battery in September, 1949, when he admitted pushing an old lady down on a cot in her Bristol township home after posing as an electric wire inspector. A former Morrisville fireman and Pennsylvania Railroad freight employee, the defendant was out on probation less than two months when he molested a 10-year-old girl who was riding a bicycle on the Emilie-Tullytown roads.

Chief County Detective Fred H. Kohler was assisted in investigating the crime by Bristol Township Chief of Police Joseph O. Seader.

When he was paroled Judge Biester directed that the defendant stay out of Bucks county, but he obtained employment at a plant near Bristol, where he was employed about a month prior to his arrest.

The next meeting will be held on January 16th.

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## BRISTOL COURT LEAGUE TO OPEN

The Bristol Basketball League opens its 1950-51 season tomorrow afternoon with two games scheduled on the Rohm & Haas floor. In the initial tilt, starting at two o'clock, the Franklin team will play Rohm & Haas, while in the second encounter, Lucisano Brothers, of Tullytown, plays the Hibernians.

In the Rohm & Haas lineup will be such players as Nick Spadaccini, formerly of Rider College; Augie Everitt, one of the leading scorers of the loop for several seasons;

"Chuck" Klein, formerly of Langhorne High; "Jim" Egli, coach of Neshaminy High; and Don Doheny, former Fallsington High star. The chemical mixers also signed Pat Carnavale during the week.

Normal White, who played with Lucisano last season, will be wearing an A. O. H. uniform tomorrow to team up with "Bill" Burr and "Charlie" Simmons, of Burlington, and Tom Donnelly. The Hibs have also signed two youngsters who formerly played with the Bristol Celtics, John Wilkins and Joe Mulligan.

Lucisano Brothers is sticking to practically the same lineup of last season with "Johnny" Paone, who played with Pennsbury last season, being an addition. Frank Thropp, formerly of Rutgers University, will jump center for the Tullytown team with the Lynch twins, Roy and Gene, being the forwards. Dick Anderson and Mickey Stradling will also be in the Lucisano lineups.

Wednesday night, Cornwells Boys Club will make its debut against the Proffy team, while Fifth Ward clashes with the Hibernians.

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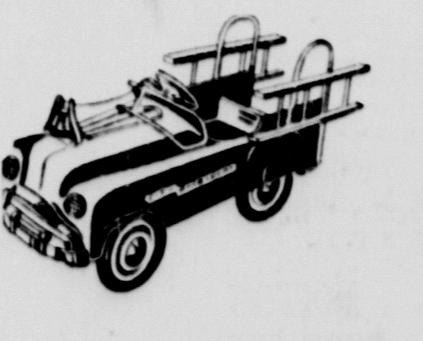
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